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Submitted herewith are copies of the publications identified on the attached Patent Office form PTO/SB/08A.

USP 5,896,403 and 5,866,895 are identified on page 1, lines 21-22 of the present specification.

Japanese KOKAI Publication Nos. 11-039417 and 11-039418 are identified on page 3, lines 7-8 of the present specification.

USP 6,170,750 B1 and Japanese No. 11-334253 are identified on page 5, lines 2-3 of the specification.

It is respectfully requested that the publications submitted herewith be considered and made of record, and it is requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of form PTO/SB/08A.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

Listed below is a copending application which is related to the present application:

U.S. Serial No. 09/655,348, filed September 5, 2000.

COPY OF ENTIRE APPLICATION 09/655,348 ATTACHED).

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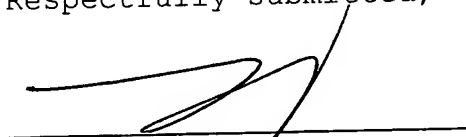


Related Application Serial No. 09/655,348 discloses a recording medium having an area in the periphery of a code, which prohibits only the presence of an interference image having an attribute which interferes with reading of the code, and a method for recording the code.

Attached is a form PTO/SB/08B listing the particulars of S/N 09/655,348.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the copending related application identified above when considering the present application on the merits, and return an initialed copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08B.

Respectfully submitted,

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